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means for controlling the image forming means to form an image corresponding to the image data produced by the operating condition image producing means on the image formation medium.

2. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operating condition image producing means includes means for producing a character image data indicative of the operating conditions.

3. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operating condition image producing means includes means for producing a pattern code image data indicative of the operation conditions.

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4. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operating condition image producing means includes means for producing an image data indicative of input conditions of the reading means.

5. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operating condition image producing means includes means for forming an image data indicative of a resolution and sampling rate of the reading means.

6. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operating condition image producing means includes means for forming an image data indicative of output conditions of the image forming means.

7. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operating condition image producing means includes means for forming an image data indicative of processing conditions of the image processing means.

8. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

synthesizing means for synthesizing an image obtained by the image processing means with the image corresponding to the image data produced by the operating condition image producing means, wherein

an image obtained by the synthesizing means is formed on the image formation medium by the image forming means.

9. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

designating means for designating whether or not an image obtained by the image processing means should be synthesized with the image corresponding to the image data produced by the operating condition image producing means, wherein said synthesizing means synthesizes the image obtained by the image processing means with the image corresponding to the image data produced by the operating condition image producing means and provides a resultant synthesized image in a case where the designating means designates synthesis, and provides only the image obtained by the image processing means in other cases.

Please add new claim 18 as follows.

18. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a reader which reads a document;
an image processing section which processes image data read by the reader;
an image forming section which forms an image on an image formation medium based on the image data processed by the image processing section;
an operating condition image producing section which produces image data indicative of operating conditions of at least one of the reader, the image processing section and the image forming section, and
a controller which controls the image forming section to form an image corresponding to the image data produced by the operating condition image producing section on the image formation medium.
